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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2015

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Members Present: Brian Katz, Nathan Frank, Lisa Seidlitz , Xiaowen Zhang, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Rob Elfline, Sarah McDowell, Jamie Nordling, Mamata Marme, Lendol Calder, Mike Egan, Kelvin Mason

Absent: Rachel Weiss, Elizabeth Fetscher (SGA), Courtney Kampert (SGA), Mason Caitlin Slone (SGA)

Guests: Christina Myatt

I. Minutes

Motion- Sarah McDowell moved **“to approve the minutes of the September 16th meeting as submitted.”**

Nathan Frank seconded.

Discussion was opened. A misspelling of Jamie Nordling’s name was pointed out to be fixed.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING WITH THE NOTED CHANGES.

Christina Myatt will file the amended minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Tabled Motions

1. Approval of LSFY 102 Pickpockets to Merchants

The instructor has met with Rob Elflin but materials need to be updated.

A motion was made by Rob Elflin to table the approval of this proposal. The motion was seconded by Mamata Marme. This may require the committee to take a vote electronically due to the other work the Gen Ed Committee needs to do. A vote was taken.

Motion passed to table the approval of LSFY 102 Pickpockets to Merchants.

Note: Additional materials were submitted to the committee. The committee as a whole was asked to look over the documents and bring forth any questions. After perusal of the documents and discussion, an electronic vote was taken.

Motion passed to approve LSFY 102: Pickpockets to Merchants.

2. Approval of LSFY 102- Boone- History of Technology

A motion was made by Nathan Frank to approve LSFY 102: History of Technology. The motion was seconded by Sarah McDowell.

The floor was opened for discussion. There were some questions about image citation in syllabi. Kelvin Mason will look into this and report back to the committee.

With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE LSFY 102: HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY.

3. LS to LSFY to FYI

The change to LS was a faculty vote. The question was posed if the change to FYI also needed a faculty vote and should be put on the Full Faculty Meeting Agenda. It was decided that this could just be an informational announcement.

4. Pass/No Credit for HEPE Update

There are language changes needed for the student handbook. Dave Dehnel has crafted and shared some language changes and is looking for input from the committee. It was decided that the Gen Ed Committee was fine with EPC going forward with the language changes to the handbook.

5. ALL Conference

Mike Egan talked about the opportunity to attend the Alliance for Liberal learning Conference, November 5-7. Academic Affairs has agreed to fund four faculty members going to this conference.

6. Gathering Data from campus/faculty

Discussion was opened about the questions to be posed. Discussion focused on talking about the core curriculum. When we talk about the core curriculum does it change based on our audience? There was some discussion if we should start with personal understanding of the core curriculum and then branch out from that or if we should start with how it is shared with others and bring it back to a personal understanding. There was some discussion to revise the question so it did not seem to be focusing on prospective students as not all faculty members interact with prospective students. Discussion also included wanting to understand what faculty see as the value of the core curriculum.

At the end of discussion, a series of questions was developed to be used by Gen Ed committee members to talk with faculty. Brian Katz will set up a spreadsheet that committee members should use to show whom they are speaking with and to avoid duplication. The goal is for each committee member to have a meaningful conversation with a minimum of five people.

Brian Katz will send an email to the faculty so that they know that this will be happening and the reasoning for doing so.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update from Academic Affairs

At the HLC meetings, Gen Ed will probably be a large focus. In preparation, committee members were encouraged to read the section on teaching in the HLC documents.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gen Ed will use the September 30th meeting to have the meetings with individual faculty to collect information about the Gen Ed story. Christina Myatt will let Mary Koski know to cancel the food order.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt